



Geometry

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Office Hours: 3rd, 5th (first semester only), 7th periods

Class Materials

- ✓ **TextBook-** *Geometry (Holt McDougal - Larson)*
- ✓ **Pencil(s)-** *we make mistakes in math, so we do not want to use pen!*
- ✓ **Calculator-** *You will need one that includes trig. functions (sin, cos, tan, etc.)*
- ✓ **Spiral notebook and Folder for only math materials!**
***You may want to have a ruler, compass, protractor and color pencils at home.

Online Textbook information

There is an online version of your geometry textbook so that you do not need to bring the book home ☺. You can also access lots of cool stuff that will help you if you are absent or having any trouble with geometry. Here is some info to get you started:

- Website: www.classzone.com (Choose subject – math, then state – Illinois, and then be sure to choose our textbook, which is a blue geometry 2011 book with a mountain climber)
- Once you have found the website then you can register so that you can use the online book
Registering your textbook - this is the only thing you need to register for. You will need to provide some information about yourself, but the most important thing you need is the ACTIVATION CODE
ACTIVATION CODE: 5623347-20
- You only need to register once, but be sure you remember your login information.

Classroom rules/expectations

Expectations:

- Everyone can succeed in this class!
- Ask questions early and often when you do not understand something!
- Be prepared with your materials everyday!
- Do your homework **ON TIME!!** It is important to practice! **THIS INCLUDES SHOWING WORK!!!!**
- Come in for help if you are struggling!
- Communicate!
- Be prepared for assessments!
- Keep an open mind about math, You may not understand it..... YET!
- We will have fun in this class!

Rules:

- Be on time!!! This means in your seat ready to go when the bell rings.
- Follow directions.
- Respect others and their property--- Including substitutes!
- Wear ID badge at ALL TIMES!
- No food or drink allowed in class, except for water in bottles.
- Bathroom and locker passes are given at teacher's discretion.
- Do your own work (don't plagiarize or cheat!!)
- Follow dress code!
- No electronic devices should be out in the classroom. Cell phones turned off, mp3 players/i-pods away **INCLUDING** headphones!
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Come speak to me outside of class, check the website, talk to a neighbor, etc.

Assessments/Grading policy

NEW NEW NEW - Grading Scale This Year – NEW NEW NEW

100% = 5.0 = A+	89% = 3.9 = B+	79% = 2.9 = C+	69% = 1.9 = D+	≤ 59% = ≤ .9 = E
≥ 92% = 4.2 = A	≥ 82% = 3.2 = B	≥ 72% = 2.2 = C	≥ 62% = 1.2 = D	
≥ 90% = 4.0 = A-	≥ 80% = 3.0 = B-	≥ 70% = 2.0 = C-	≥ 60% = 1.0 = D-	

Semester Grade:

Semester course work=90%

Semester Exam = 10%***

*** Due to district standards, this could change at some point during the school year.

Weights for Quarter Grades:

Tests, Quizzes, & Projects = 70%

Homework = 30%

Tests: Tests will roughly follow each chapter. The only thing you will be able to use on tests is a note card or another specified document. All students will be allowed to retake each unit test **one time** if remediation occurs. Type of remediation will be determined by the teacher.

Quizzes: There will be 1-2 quizzes per chapter. Most quizzes will be announced but be prepared for possible "pop" quizzes. You will be allowed to use your notes and homework on quizzes.

Homework: Homework will be **daily** and checked at the beginning of each class. Homework will be worth 4 points each and is broken down as followed:

All completed = 4 pts

$\frac{3}{4}$ completed = 3 pts.

$\frac{1}{2}$ completed = 2 pts.

$\frac{1}{4}$ completed = 1 pt.

None completed = 0 pts.

ALL HOMEWORK MUST HAVE WORK SHOWN TO COUNT!!!

The teacher reserves the right to collect homework and grade it on occasion as well

Late homework will be accepted **up to the day of the unit test for full credit.**

Excused Absences/Late Work

- In the event you are absent, you will have as many days you were gone to make up the work you missed.
- It is ***your responsibility*** to get missed assignments. There will be a folder in the classroom that will have any worksheets that were passed out. Any other assignments would be on your assignment sheet given at the beginning of the chapter.
- Any absence that you know of in advance, be sure to let me know as soon as possible before hand.

Resources:

Please remember that you are not on this journey alone. Use all your resources.

When you get stumped, try:

- *Looking back at your notes!*
- *Using your tools (ruler, compass, protractor, calculator, etc.).*
- *Check my website www.thomasgallagher.wikispaces.com.*
- *Email me: thomasgallagher@u-46.org.*
- *See me during office hours.*
- *Try to enter your topic into youtube, brightstorm.com or khanacademy.com and see if any videos help you out!*
- *Write down what you didn't understand and skip to the next problem and ask the question in class.*
- *Do ANYTHING besides NOTHING!!!*

Tips for Success

- Study throughout a chapter, rather than cramming right before the test.
- Recognize that there is more than one way to solve most problems.
- When solving a word problem, read it, decide what to do, make a plan, look back at the problem, revise your answer.
- Recognize when you are lost and seek help BEFORE a test.
- Reread test questions before answering them.
- Check to see if your answers are reasonable.

A note to parents/guardians:

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime. I update grades as often as possible and will have them posted online. There is an assignment almost **every night** and they are given an assignment sheet at the beginning of each chapter. Copies of the syllabus and assignment sheets can be found on my website. If there is anything else I can do to help ensure that your child has a successful and knowledgeable year please feel free to contact me.